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SUBJ: BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: DAY III - TOUGHENING

AMENDMENTS OFFERED TO YUGOSLAV DRAFT DECLARATION

1. PLENARY: GENERAL DEBATE BY MINISTERS AND DISCUSSIONS IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEES JULY 27 CONTINUED UNTIL 1:30 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING. MOST OF 27 SPEAKERS IN GENERAL DEBATE (SEPTEL) STRESSED THEMES OF UNITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE. HIGHLIGHT FOR MOST DELEGATES DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE SEEMED TO BE THE EGYPTIAN BLAST AGAINST CUBA (SEPTEL). REACTIONS TO THE EGYPTIAN SPEECH WERE MIXED. LIBERIAN FM DENNIS, FOR EXAMPLE, PRAISED THE ATTACK TO USUN OFFICER AS AN EXAMPLE OF TOUGHNESS BY "MODERATES". ZAMBIAN FM MWALE WAS WORRIED THAT THE SPEECH WOULD ONLY INVITE COUNTER-ATTACK AND DIVISIVENESS.

2. POLITICAL COMMITTEE: POLITICAL COMMITTEE SPENT MARATHON DAY IN ITS OWN GENERAL DEBATE, EXCHANGING VIEWS AND AMENDMENTS. DRAFTING BEGAN ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS IN A SERIES OF REGIONAL
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WORKING GROUPS ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE. ZAMBIAN UN COUNSELOR SIKAULU SAID THAT POLITICAL COMMITTEE SPEAKERS JULY 27 PRESENTED "PREDICTABLE" POSITIONS. HE SAID THAT THE YUGOSLAV POLITICAL DRAFT HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY MOST DELEGATES AS A "GOOD BASIS," ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE CHANGES, MOSTLY MAKING IT "TOUGHER." SIKAULU EXPECTED THE YUGOSLAV PROSE ON DEFINITION ON NON-ALIGNMENT, NON-INTERFERENCE, ETC. TO SURVIVE IN ESSENCE. ALL

DELEGATES, HE SAID--INCLUDING CUBA--HOPED FOR A NON-DIVISIVE OUTCOME. ROMANIAN UN COUNSELOR CEASCU PAINTED A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT PICTURE (AS A NAM "GUEST," HIS INFORMATION IS SECOND-HAND). CEASCU SAID THAT THE CUBANS HAD OFFERED "MANY AMENDMENTS" TO THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT (PARTICULARLY ITS OPENING SECTIONS) AND "HAD EXERTED MUCH PRESSURE." THE OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG REPORTS THAT THERE WERE 27 AMENDMENTS OFFERED TO THE OPENING SECTIONS ALONE.

3. PAKISTAN MFA OFFICIAL MUNIR AGRAM TOLD USUN OFFICER JULY 28 THAT "MOST" OF THE 27 AMENDMENTS TO THE OPENING SECTION WERE NOT SUBSTANTIVE. HE THOUGHT THAT THE "ANTI-HEGEMONY" PHRASE WOULD BE REPLACED WITH SOME LESS CONTENTIOUS WORDING AND THAT THE INDONESIANS/MALAYSIANS WOULD SUCCEED IN ADDING LANGUAGE DEFINING A NAM "CONSENSUS." AGRAM SAID THAT THE POLITICAL DRAFTING WAS GOING "SMOOTHER THAN EXPECTED" AND JOINED THE RANKS OF THOSE SUGGESTING THAT THE YUGOSLAVS AND CUBANS HAVE ALREADY COME TO A GENERAL ACCOMMODATION.

4. TANJUG REPORTS POLITICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JAIPAL (INDIA) SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE'S DECLARATION "HAD POINTED TO THE NEED FOR GREATER UNITY, TOLERANCE, AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG NAM COUNTRIES." JAIPAL ALSO REPORTEDLY APPEALED THAT IDEOLOGICAL ELEMENTS BE LEFT OUT OF THE DISCUSSION. THE VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS WILL BEGIN TO REPORT THEIR DRAFTS TO THE FULL COMMITTEE JULY 28, WITH THE LAST NOT EXPECTED UNTIL LATE JULY 28. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE WILL ACT AS THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE CONTENTIOUS OPENING SECTIONS ON NAM PHILOSOPHY.

5. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WOUND UP ITS GENERAL DEBATE EARLY IN THE HOURS OF JULY 28. TANJUG REPORTS THAT DELEGATES GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION "AGGRAVATED BY THE UNCHANGED (NEGATIVE) APPROACH OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES," WAS WORSE THAN THAT DESCRIBED IN THE JULY 23 YUGOSLAV DRAFT DECLARATION--AND THAT THAT DRAFT WOULD HAVE TO BE TOUGHENED. THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE'S 18 MEMBER DRAFTING GROUP ON THE NIEO, WHICH REPORTEDLY FINISHED ITS WORK EARLY JULY 28, CRITICIZED "INCREASINGLY EVIDENT" PROTECTIONIST MEASURES BY INDUSTRIALIZED STATES IN THE CONTEXT OF A "CONTINUING NEGATIVE APPROACH" BY INDUSTRIALIZED STATES TO THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC CONCERNS. ON THIS SAME THEME, TANJUG REPORTS THAT "A NUMBER OF NON-ALIGNED REPRESENTATIVES SAID THEY BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE (YUGOSLAV) DRAFT ECONOMIC DECLARATION WILL POINT UP THE RESOLVE OF NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO TAKE AN EVEN MORE UNITED STAND IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDUSTRIAL STATES."

6. CUBAN REACTION TO CARTER LETTER. USUN OFFICER RAN INTO

ALARCON AND BLANCO OF CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AT 2:00 AM JULY 28. AMID SOME BANTER, USUN OFFICER ASKED WHAT CUBA THOUGHT OF THE CARTER LETTER. AFTER SOME THOUGHT, BLANCO SAID "WE LIKED IT BETTER WHEN YOU HAD MOYNIHAN--YOU MADE IT EASY FOR US THEN."

7. SLOW PACE. SENIOR YUGOSLAV FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL TOLD US JULY 27 THAT HE SEES NO WAY CONFERENCE CAN END ON SCHEDULE. IN VIEW OF SLOW PACE TO DATE, HE EXPECTS A PRO- LONGATION TO SUNDAY JULY 30. YUGOSLAVS HAVE ALSO CANCELLED A SOCIAL EVENT SCHEDULED FOR EVENING JULY 28 IN ORDER TO KEEP ALREADY TIRING DELEGATES AT THEIR TASKS.
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